Amendments to the Claims:

1. – 10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (New) A data processing system comprising:
            a central processing unit;
            a main display;
            a peripheral device operably engaged with the central processing unit and the
main display, the peripheral device comprising a mechanical keyboard having a plurality
of keys for entering information into the data processing system when the keys are
pressed, characterized in that the peripheral device has a first surface and a second
surface opposed to the first surface, the first surface carrying the mechanical keyboard
and the second surface carrying a configurable unit for displaying a visual
representation of a plurality of further keys for entering information into the data
processing system when the further keys are selected, the configurable unit being
separate from the main display, wherein the mechanical keyboard is accessible to a
user of the data processing system when the peripheral device is in a first operative
position with the first surface turned upwards and the configurable unit is accessible to
the user when the peripheral device is in a second operative position with the second
surface turned upwards;
            a central unit operably engaged between the main display and the peripheral device,
the central unit comprising a pivot device for pivoting the peripheral device around the
central unit and for sliding an internal edge of the peripheral device along the central unit
between a first end of stroke and a second end of stroke, the peripheral device being
folded down the central unit in the first operative position or in the second operative
position when the internal edge is at the first end of stroke or at the second end of stroke,
respectively; and

a latching device operably engaged between the central unit and the peripheral device for securing the peripheral device in at least one of the first operative position and the second operative position, the latching device being further configured for moving at least one of the first surface and the second surface of the peripheral device away from the central unit in response to a user input such that a user may grasp at least one external edge of the peripheral device and pivot the peripheral device to at least one of the first operative position and the second operative position.

12.   (New) The data processing system according to claim 11, wherein the configurable unit comprises a touch-screen, the further keys being selected when touched.

13.   (New) The data processing system according to claim 11, wherein the central unit further comprises a spacer for spacing the keys apart from a surface of the central unit configured for bearing the peripheral device in the second operative position.

14.   (New) The data processing system according to claim 11, further comprising a switch device operably engaged between the central processing unit and the peripheral device, the switch device being configured for alternatively enabling the mechanical keyboard or the configurable unit.

15.   (New) The data processing system according to claim 14, wherein the switch device comprises a sensor for detecting a position of the peripheral device such that the central processing unit enables the mechanical keyboard when the sensor detects that the position of the peripheral device is the first operative position and such that the central processing unit enables the configurable unit when the sensor detects that the position of the peripheral device is the second operative position.